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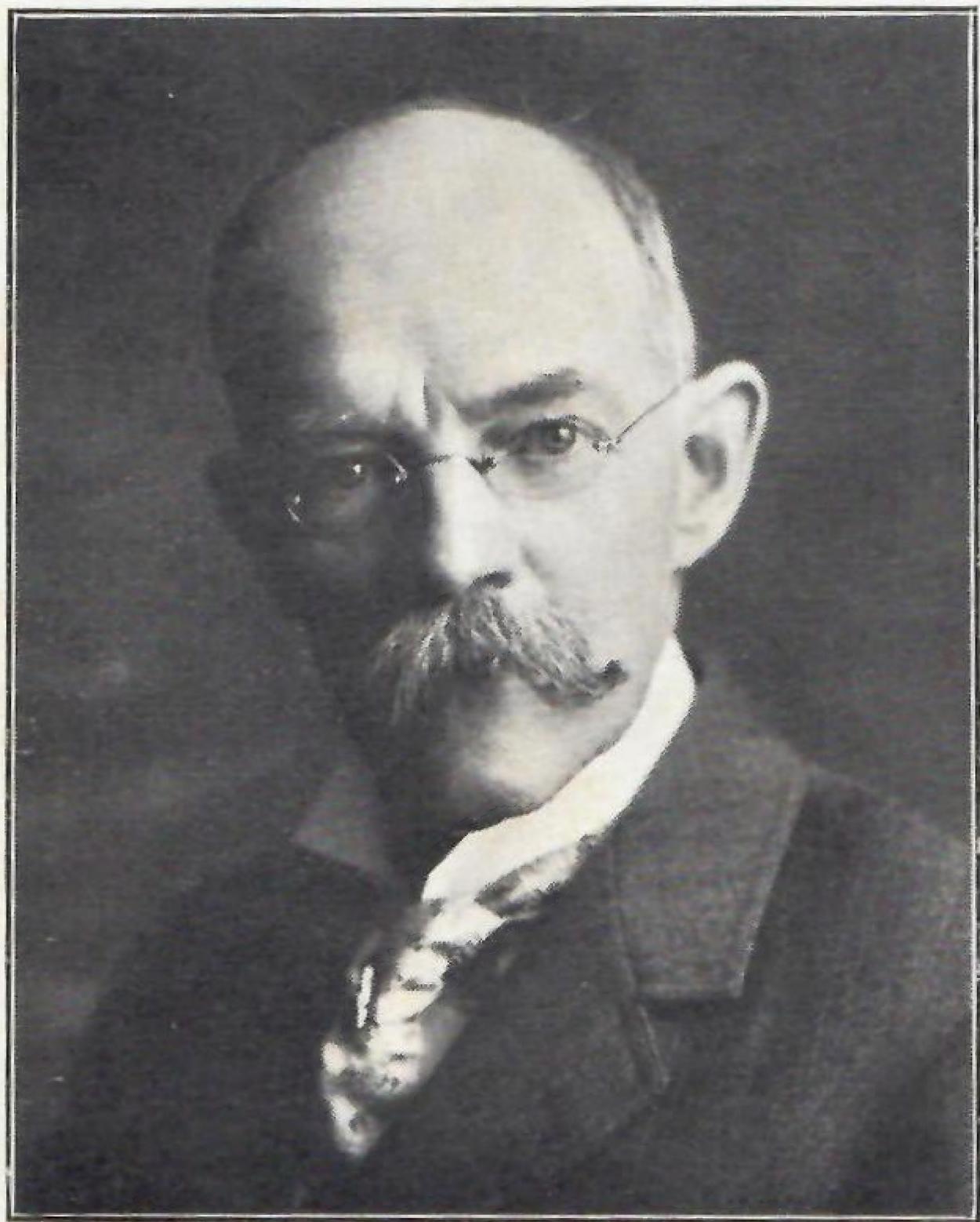
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1921

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THE CLASS OF

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE



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We, the Senior Class of 1921, according to the custom established for years, extend to you this Annual, hoping it will meet your approval, that it may help to while away some idle hour, and that it may even bring back to you memories of the time when you held our exalted position—Seniors in Mexico High School.

We also sincerely thank the merchants in our city and in the neighboring cities, who have helped to make this Annual possible. We heartily hope that this will please them.





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MOTTO

Work Wins Everything

COLORS

Pink and Green

FLOWER

White Rose

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Merrill M. Mayne
Henry Jay Ballard

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Friends, Faculty and Fellow Students:

It is with great pleasure that I, in behalf of the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, welcome you to our class night exercises. I hope you will all spend an enjoyable evening.

You have heard the graduating classes of former years express their regret in leaving old Mexico Academy and High School. This class is no exception, I assure you. It is like leaving home to leave the old school, where we have spent so many happy days, maybe the happiest of our lives.

But this is not altogether a time of sorrow, for in trying to live up to our motto, "Work Wins Everything," we have gained the ambition of our high school days—graduation.

Here and now, as this will be our last opportunity as a class, we wish to thank the Faculty, the Board of Education and all the kind people who have made it possible for us to obtain a high school education.

T. GALE WHITNEY, '21.



CLASS HISTORY OF 1921

Four years ago, thirty-five Freshmen entered the halls of Mexico High School for the first time. Mr. Goodier was principal and Miss Snell was preceptress. Miss Godfrey, Miss Blanchard, Miss Maxwell, Mr. Spencer and Miss Hoyt made up the rest of the faculty. The first year was a very enjoyable year in every way, our class doing its share in the school functions. As one of these functions, its members gave their pennies every Thursday to the Liberty Loan fund. Though inexperienced in trying regents, we did remarkably well.

Our second year was not less eventful. It seemed to be the most remarkable year of our high school career. Geometry and Cæsar showed this when we attempted exams in June. One passed in geometry and no one in Cæsar. In January of the next year a few passed geometry, but only one in Cæsar. The following June all passed except two. What a victory! It was a victory, nevertheless, and there was great rejoicing.

If we did fail in these subjects in the second year, we did make a success in our stage work. Class night, as we took part in the moving up of classes, we had a splendid song and yell. The song displayed the nice number of fine voices there were in the class and how well they had practiced. The yell showed the splendid class spirit and how well we worked together as a class.

There was a change in the Faculty. Mr. Goodier, Miss Blanchard, Miss Maxwell and Miss Hoyt left us, and we had Mr. Smith, Miss Crumb, Miss Benjamin and Miss Kitch instead. Mr. Smith did not remain with us long before Mr. Davis came into our midst.

Besides the change in the Faculty, there also was a change in the number of classmates.

We also made a contribution toward the tablet which was dedicated to the memory of Donald Stone and Gurley Davis, which has been placed on the lawn of the school.

In our third year our ranks thinned to only eighteen and part of our Faculty was changed again. Miss Godfrey, Miss Benjamin and Miss Kitch gave their places to Miss Seavey, Mrs. Hart and Mr. O'Connell.

In this third year we seemed to show more that we really knew how to work, though the class still retained the name of being the liveliest class in Mexico High School.

This, our last year, found us only sixteen in number. It was "quality, not quantity," this time. Everything we did showed this, the Pageant, the Prize Speaking contest, the play and the social evenings.

The Senior Class, as is customary, was to entertain the D. A. R. this year. The entertainment was in the form of a pageant. This meant quite an elaborate program and, not having enough students, we were assisted by the other classes. With Miss Clara Snell as leader, it proved to be a success.

The play, "A Couple of Million," and the Prize Speaking contest certainly showed what we were capable of doing.

We had another nearly new Faculty this year. Mr. Davis, Mr. Spencer, Miss Seavey, Miss Crumb and Mr. O'Connell left their places to Mr. Hutt, Mr. Lay, Miss Radway, Miss Garrett and Mr. Spaulding. Mrs. Hart stayed only part of the year, then Mr. Ludington came to be with us the rest of the time. This Faculty of our Senior year will be best remembered because of the many kindnesses rendered to us when in trouble.

Having passed many hard exams and having done what a noble class should, we step forth to other work and leave an example that it would be well for the undergraduates and those who may attend Mexico High School to follow.

MARY A. SPOOR.



CLASS PROPHESY

Rise, oh Smoke, and clear away
Tell us, tell us this we pray:
What the Future holds in sway.

The smoke is rising and my crystal grows clear.

Oh! Here I see a brilliant young society man. He and a lady friend are seated at a table in a large hotel. On the table are costly roses. They are through eating and leaving the hotel, a large car comes up and they enter. Now I know that face. It was our worthy class President, Gale Whitney. How he has changed since his days in High School. Who ever dreamed that Gale would become such a spendthrift?

Now I see a factory. It is dark but for a large electric sign with this inscription:

PEO CIGARETTE FACTORY,
"The Best Made."

A farmhouse appears. There are several small children playing outside and the farmer is just stopping his Fordson tractor as his wife appears at the door to call her family to dinner. Doris Whitney! Can it be? Ah, yes, and the farmer, Hayden DeLong. So ends a long and faithful friendship.

A small church with many people standing in front, talking. The priest appears at the door to call them in. He looks like someone I used to know. Yes. It is Fred Stone! He looks sad! Perhaps disappointed! Can it be that he has been disappointed in love and become a priest? How unkind some one must have been to have caused such a sudden change.

I see a dance. I knew the place looked familiar, "The Green Lantern Tea Room. Can it be Judith Taylor in charge? She always did like to dance and was a good business manager in her High School days.

The National Capitol is in sight, a large house and well lighted, and a crowd is in view. The door opens. The hostess, Miss Mary Howard, seems to be giving a large reception. The guest of honor is Dr. Merrill Mayne, who has been recently appointed the new ambassador to France.

I see a steamboat on the broad Atlantic. In the center of a small group of girls is Mary Spoor. Evidently they are going to Europe, with Mary as chaperone and companion.

The scene changes. A village postoffice is in view. The name inscribed upon the door is "Adams Postoffice." The postmaster, Charles Tourot, stands at the window. He has been a frequent visitor at Adams, and we are happy to find him in such a suitable place.

A man in a white uniform is cleaning the streets. His face is that of Jay Borden. Can it be possible that he has decided to clean streets instead of teeth.

The Waldorf-Astoria appears before me and as I look over the waiters and waitresses, I find the head-waiter giving important orders. His face does look familiar. "Bill" Butman, I do believe! I wonder what change in fortune brought this about?

I see a man making a speech on a corner in a small town. He seems to be talking politics between puffs on his big black cigar. It is Everett Harris. I always knew he was fond of smoking, but I didn't think it would come to this!

A "Taylor" shop appears in view. The clerk, a tall, slim man, looks strangely like Henry Ballard, is talking with the manager. We see Henry is still working for a Taylor.

The scene changes and a pool-room seems to be in the center of my crystal. The large sign in front reads:

Special Tables for the Ladies

UNION POOL ROOMS

Everybody Welcome

George always did like pool, but we wonder about the special tables.

The scene grows dark and the mists are gathering quickly, thus I will be unable to tell you any more about the future of this bright and illustrious Class of 1921.

M. B. F., '21.

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Mexico High School, of the Village of Mexico, County of Oswego and State of New York, aged four years, being of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, that is to say:

First—After all our lawful debts are paid and discharged, we give, devise and bequeath:

To Our Parents: Our sincerest love and thanks for the benefits of our education, which they have given us.

To Miss Snell: Our appreciation and thanks for the kind and thoughtful aid rendered to us during our four years of High School.

To the Board of Education and Faculty: Our thanks for the careful supervision of our work.

To the Juniors: Our name and place in High School.

To Joseph Taylor: A package of gum.

To Joseph Springer: A package of "Humps" (not hair-pins).

To Virginia Clifford: A book entitled, "Secrets of Beauty."

To Robert Rider: A comb, which will enable him to come to school with his hair combed.

To Harold Porlier: Enough counts to become a Senior.

To Marjorie Thompson: A megaphone, so her civics recitations may be heard.

Likewise, we make, constitute and appoint Madora B. Fish and Earl D. Rose, both of Mexico, New York, to be sole executors of this, our last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

(Signed)

CLASS OF 1921.

WITNESSES:

Mary J. Howard.

Doris Whitney,
Hayden DeLong.

CLASS PRESENTATION

Here are a few essentials which I wish to present to the members of the Class of 1921:

To Gale Whitney: I wish to return his mirror.

To Henry Ballard: A press-board to be used in tailoring.

To Doris Whitney: A bottle of invisible ink, which will be a great help in her correspondence.

To Charles Tourot: A ticket to Adams.

To George Runion: A supply of everlasting flavor chewing gum.

To Madora Fish: A rose—just one!

To Frederick Stone: A box of face powder. We know he'll like it because it's "Carmen."

To Jay Borden: A picture to add to his photograph gallery of girls.

To Judith Taylor: A "Ballard." Oh! I mean a "ballad."

To Hayden DeLong: A book entitled, "How to Pass Exams Without Studying."

To William Butman: A girl.

To Mary Spoor: Quieting powders, because she is so boisterous and noisy in school.

To Everett Harris: An automobile so that he may get to school on time.

To Kenneth Peo: Some fly paper, to keep the girls after he gets them. And last,

Permission to flirt with the girls.

MARY J. HOWARD.



ADDRESS TO UNDERGRADUATES

Out of childhood into manhood
Now do pass, we worthy Seniors,
Skilled in all the craft of study,
Learned in all the lore of regents,
In all youthful sports and pastimes,
In all manly arts and labors.

You are welcome, underclassmen,
You shall hear us, O my children,
Saying childhood is the first year
In that class that's known as Freshmen.
Passing onward to that section
In that well beloved chapel
Where the Sophomores sit in council,
Planning how to haze the Freshmen,
How to razz the upper-classmen.
But another year is fleeting
And as Juniors staid and sober,
Sailing through the halls and aisles,
Now behold us.
All our mystery and magic,
All our dignity and prowess,
All our aspirations realized,
Are results of strong endeavor.

We are going, fellow-students,
On a long and distant journey,
But these words we leave behind us:
See that never the traditions
Bound about our Alma Mater
Are lost in thoughts of self, nor
Thru' neglect must they be slighted.
Listen to our words of wisdom,
Listen to the truths we tell you;
Yours is now the part
To work, and mingle with that work
Some thoughts of pleasure.
Fare-thee-well, O verdant Freshmen,
Fare-thee-well, O sister Sophomores,
Fare-thee-well, O worthy Juniors.
Now the council fire is fading
And the Seniors start upon their journey.
Fare-thee-well.

JUDITH M. TAYLOR.

JUNIOR RESPONSE

Downward thru the evening twilight,
In the days that are forgotten,
In the remembered ages,
From the full moon fell the Class of 1921.
Striding over many a pitfall,
Thru the terrors of the regents,
Thru the many games of baseball,
Swift of foot and strong of muscle.
Yet the way seemed long before you,
As the journey you considered,
But you journeyed without resting;
To one another whispered, "Fail Not,"
And to each you whispered, "Swerve not."
By this means you reached the summit.
Thus it was you won your laurels.
We will follow you, oh, Seniors,
Keep alive the old traditions.
Happy may your future be,
Pleasant journeys and successful.
Thus it is we wish you always,
Wish our friends, the worthy Seniors.

CARMEN BUCK, '22.

SOPHOMORE RESPONSE

Out of childhood, into manhood,
Now have you grown, noble Seniors,
Skilled in all the craft of teachers,
Learned in all the lore of volumes,
In all sciences and histories,
By thy labors proven true.
Teach us from thy knowledge, Seniors,
From thy vast experience, teach us!
Speak to us, O learned Seniors!
Show to us our faults and errors;
Give us of thy bounteous wisdom,
For the time is growing late.
Speak to us ere you depart,
That we may grow wise and learned
Listening to your words of wisdom;
Listening to the truths you tell us;
Following in thy honored footsteps.

ALLEN H. PULCIFER, '23.

FRESHMAN RESPONSE

Thus were born the frosh of Mexico;
Thus was born the class of wonder;
But the Sophomores of M. H. S.,
Worthy Seniors' sister class,
With initiation bored us.
And the Juniors, false and faithless,
In the heartless fun joined with them.
But the Freshmen, hale and hearty,
Waisted nor wept, but took their joking.
But that part fair soon was over,
And the Seniors' good examples,
Their hard work, and with no weeping,
Helped us to forget our sorrows,
And settle down to our hard tasks.
Now that these great aids are leaving,
We thank them for their thoughtfulness,
And, wishing them the best of luck,
We bid them all a fond farewell.

FRANCIS GLENISTER, '24.



HOROSCOPE

| Name | Nickname | Ambition | Favorite Saying | Identifying Marks |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Gale Whitney | "Herb" | 50-yd. sprinter | Hang it all! | Always talking |
| Kenneth Peo | "Kid" | To be a missionary | It's all in a lifetime | Good looks (?) |
| Judith Taylor | "Jude" | Become noted | Good Heavens! | Height |
| Madora Fish | "Dory" | To become a Rose | Dear! I don't know! | "Mush" |
| Henry Ballard | "Hank" | To become a Taylor | Gosh darn it! | "Pipe" |
| Hayden DeLong | "Shorty" | To grow fat | Oh, hang! | Squeaking his ear |
| Mary Spoor | "Marie" | To learn to shimmy | Oh my! that's slang | Dress |
| Everett Harris | "Ras" | To grow | Ye gods and little fishes | None |
| Charles Tourot | "Shy" | To live at Adams | By Judas! | Curly hair |
| Merrill Mayne | "Ishe" | To become a flirt | Gosh! whiz! | "Cuteness" |
| George Runion | "Heinie" | Popular with girls | Atta-boy! | Pretty Smiles |
| Mary Howard | "Bum" | "Beef" | By jingoes | Big feet |
| William Butman | "Bill" | To get a girl | Oh! by gee! | Bashfulness |
| Doris Whitney | "Dos" | To become a farmer's wife | Heavens to Betsy! | Her bangs |
| Frederick Stone | "Stonie" | Hunting for "Bucks" | Row-de-dow! | Glasses |
| Jay Borden | "Del" | To get acquainted with Pulaski girls | Aw! gee whizekins! | Loafing |

SENIOR CLASS SONG

Tune, "Mamny"

Seniors, Seniors, our days are o'er,
Our years just four, and it's hard to think
That there'll be no more.
Seniors, Seniors, our heart-strings
Shall ever tangle around dear Old Mexico.
We are dreaming, dreaming of our future fate.
We are dreaming and our dreams are not too late.
Seniors, Seniors and every year to us
Has been more dear, Old Mexico.

SENIOR CLASS POEM

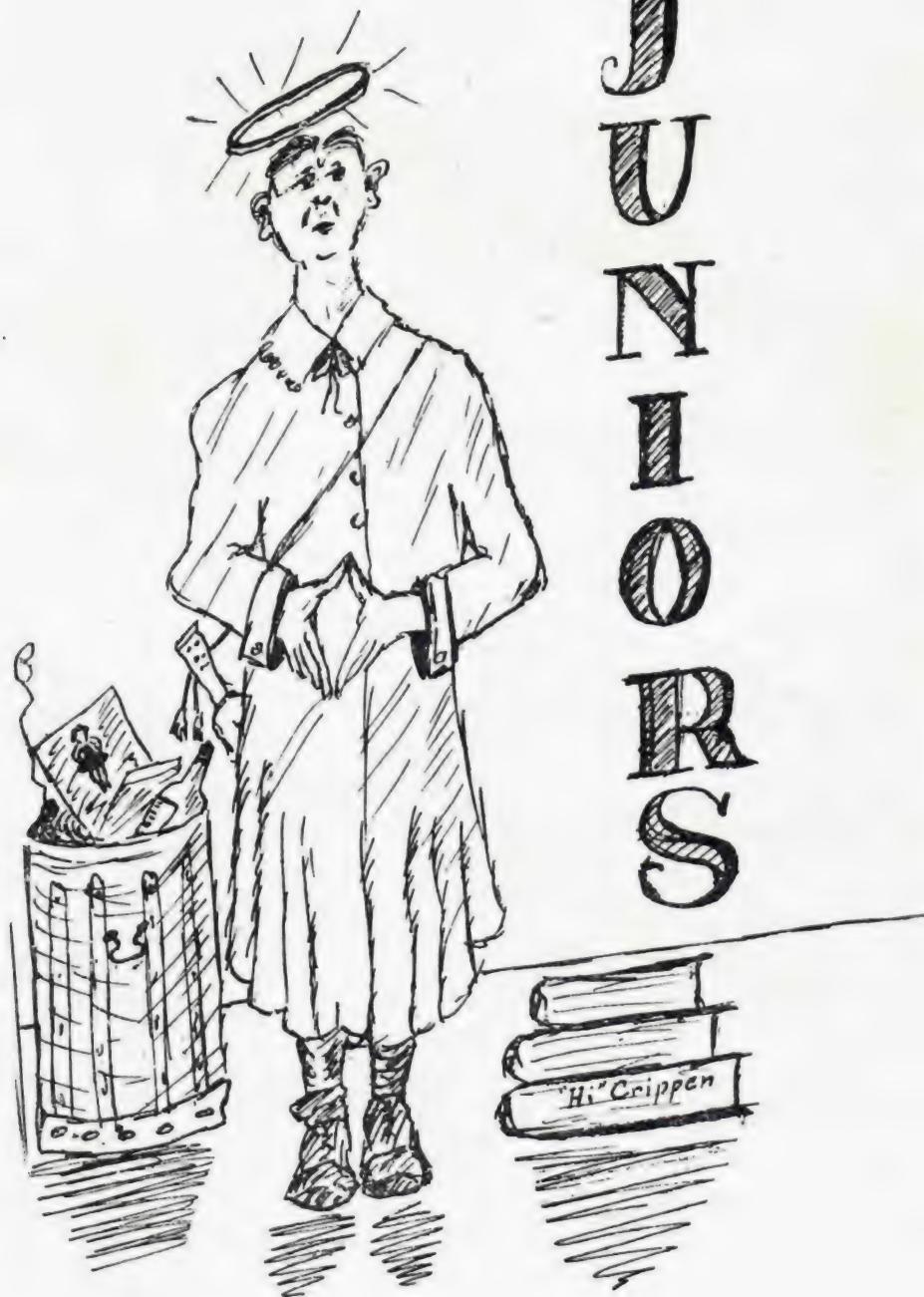
Our farewells we are saying,
Old M. H. S., to thee;
Our schooldays and our friendships
Will live in memory.

Four years pass on so swiftly,
Too soon we find them gone.
To Mexico and our High School
We sing our parting song.

May fortune smile upon her,
Success her way attend,
Her sons and daughters loyal
Shall be until the end.

Here's bright hopes for her future,
Great things it holds in store;
The victor's wreath of laurel
Shall hang above her door.

JUNIORS





JUNIOR CLASS ROLL

OFFICERS

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| President | Edwin Trowbridge |
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| Florence Campbell | Joseph Springer |
| Margaret Coe | Joseph Taylor |
| Tobias Collins | Beatrice Wilcox |
| Margaret Haig | Ruth Woodruff |
| Frank Hotchkiss | |

COLORS

Blue and Gold

MOTTO

Dig in and Win

FLOWER

Forget-me-not

JUNIOR HISTORY

The new airplane '22 started on the Freshman grounds September, 1918, heading for the Sophomore landing-field, which we hoped to reach in the following June. We had for our pilot, Elizabeth Branche, who brought us safely through.

We camped on the grounds from June to September, from which we set forth again with a new pilot, Tobias Collins. We went very well, but encountered several air pockets, such as Cæsar and Geometry, which were the cause of losing several members of our crew. As before we landed safely and spent the summer on the grounds.

The following fall we set forth with Edwin Trowbridge at the wheel. With such new equipment as class rings, we are now sailing well and hope to land in another week or two, if regents conditions are favorable.

DOROTHY M. JONES, '22.



JUNIOR CLASS POEM

When a worthy Senior bids M. H. S. good-bye,
There is many a tear in his teacher's eye.
The Junior class steps in, the teachers seem to grin,
"You have your wish, so now, just
'Dig in and Win!'"
Ah! I'd like to fall asleep and wake up in the Senior class,
Just to see the Juniors pass.
What a wonderful dream that would be!
Alma Mater, with your fame, arise
And wake the Juniors! Open their eyes!
Most every day, as on our way
We wander thru thy halls,
The Seniors can't recall when they were Juniors 't all.
Super-Seniors, with your Senior airs,
Wait till June just takes them unawares.
I'd like to fall asleep and wake up in the Senior class.

CHARLOTTE FLEMING, '22.



JUNIOR SONG

Tune, "Margie."

We are the Juniors
Of dear old M. H. S. The Juniors!
We love our Alma Mater and
To her we'll always be true.
We will stand up for our colors,
Blue and gold. Our motto
Is "Dig in and Win," and
That is just what we do.
But when the sun is sinking low,
And we slowly homeward go,
We love you, "Old Mexico."

TOBIAS J. COLLINS, '22.



SOPHOMORE



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SOPHOMORE CLASS

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| President | Irvin Hotchkiss |
| Vice-President | Stanley Thomas |
| Business Manager..... | Mike Giovo |
| Secretary | Barbara Trowbridge |
| Treasurer | George Hall |
| Historian | Belle Cronk |

CLASS ROLL

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Lily Mae Brown | Anne Nesterson |
| Virginia Clifford | Tressa Newstead |
| Belle Cronk | Sanford Mayne |
| Earl Evarts | Hubert Poole |
| Carlton Gardner | Allen Pulsifer |
| Mike Giovo | Gertrude Rose |
| Dorothy Hall | Bertha Rumsey |
| George Hall | Doris Smith |
| Eleanor Harmes | Mary Taylor |
| Dessie Harris | Stanley Thomas |
| Irvin Hotchkiss | Florence Tourdot |
| Elsie Hyovalti | Edwin Trowbridge |
| Clarence Jencks | Rena Valin |
| Euldora Kiefer | Preston Vorce |
| Gertrude Maxam | Tressa Wilcox |

COLORS
Silver and Blue

FLOWER
China Rose

MOTTO
Carpe Diem

SOPHOMORE HISTORY

We, the Sophomores, thirty-two in number, entered on our second year in Mexico Academy and High School, beginning from the first to work in earnest.

In September we organized, electing the following officers: President, Irvin Hotchkiss, Vice-President, Stanley Thomas; Secretary, Barbara Trowbridge; Treasurer, George Hall; Business Manager, Mike Giovo. We have kept our same class colors, which are silver and blue. We try to live up to the language of our flower, the China Rose, which is "Duty Always Done."

In October we had a party at the lake. All had a great time.

During the year, only two members of our class have left, thinking they saw greater opportunities out of school.

On November 25th, "The Tale of Two Cities" was shown at the Star Theater for the benefit of our class.

In February we held a party at the gymnasium. All enjoyed a good time.

In April we had a party at the lake. Had a great time. When we went the sun was shining, but when we came back it was raining hard. Although the boys hunted and got a number of raincoats, umbrellas and robes, we were soaked when we arrived in Mexico.

In May we all enjoyed a party at the Lake. Some class! Don't you wish you had been a Sophomore this year?

We have all worked hard to pass our exams. We have been the best class this year in studies, because we have had more members on the honor roll than any other class. But watch and see what we do in the future.

BELLE CRONK, '23.

SOPHOMORE SONG

Tune, "What's the Use?"
The Seniors, they are jolly lads,
 Give them a cheer or two.
The Seniors have great student "fads,"
 The Juniors have a few.
Oh! Everyone, no doubt, is fine,
 But, really, don't you know,
The class which stands the first in line
 Is Soph'mores! Mexico!

The Juniors tho't their scholarship
 Unconquerable by all;
The Freshmen tho't their fellowship
 Could never, never fall.
Oh! In their blindness let them sing,
 But, really, don't you know,
The class that's first in everything
 Is Soph'mores! Mexico!

PRESTON VORCE, '23.



“HITS”

M—— had a little skirt
It was the latest style;
It missed the ground
So dog-goned far
It looked about a mile.

I own, I own, my father's own,
A Ford coupe; I can drive alone.
And I'll tell you that, some dark night,
I and my “Taylor” will go for a ride. A. P.

Secrets of the Sophomores.

Q. Has Mary Taylor any hobbies?
A. Yes; her collection of shoe buttons.

Q. Can you give me the birthplace of Allen Pulsifer?
A. No, but we have two suburban lots which we will sell cheap.

Q. What did Preston play in before the days of the movies?
A. “Rompers.”



FRESHMEN



HIS PROUDEST POSSESSION



FRESHMAN CLASS

President and Historian.....Marjorie Thompson
Secretary and Treasurer.....Katherine Turk
Business ManagerFrederick Kellogg

CLASS ROLL

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| George Aho | John Mason |
| Arloine Backus | Fern Merrithew |
| Mae Barnes | Ethelyn Miller |
| Ruth Barton | Henry Munger |
| Jessie Bice | Grace Newstead |
| George Buck | Ransford Raymond |
| Robert Cone | Edith Roach |
| Nelson Cross | Geraldine Sharon |
| Carl Denny | Marjorie Sharpe |
| Bessie Evarts | Ruth Simmons |
| Francis Glenister | Ruth Temple |
| Mabel Holbrook | Bertha Tourot |
| Vesta Hutchinson | Marjorie Thompson |
| Mildred Kenyon | |

COLORS
Blue and Gold

FLOWER
Yellow Rose

CLASS YELL

Sis! Boom! Bang!
Here we come with a surely clang!
Salute our colors as we pass,
1921 Freshman Class!

FRESHMAN SONG

Tune, "Dreams of Love"

When future visions come stealing
And we leave this Freshman class,
Our future fame revealing
That we must fight to the last.
Sometimes when we feel discouraged,
And everything seems blue,
But with hearts filled with such courage,
That we must pass on through.

Chorus—

Freshman days, happy Freshman days,
Happy days of yore, that will come no more.
What the future holds, Sophomore year will unfold.
We meet next year, without a fear,
Goodbye, Freshman days!



FRESHMAN HISTORY

A band of from twenty to twenty-five boys and girls entered the Halls of Mexico High School for the first time on September 7, 1920.

We were given the seats of honor in the front rows and kept under the watchful eyes of all the teachers.

A weiner and corn roast was given at the Town Hall and it was here that we were initiated as Frosh.

We did not organize our class until rather late in the year. Marjorie Thompson was chosen President and Historian; Katherine Turk, Secretary and Treasurer, and Frederick Kellogg, Business Manager.

Our class colors are blue and gold. Our flower, the yellow rose.

We are always striving toward a goal which we hope to win in three more years of hard work.

MARJORIE N. THOMPSON, '24.







ATHLETICS

At the opening of school, the first thing that entered the minds of the student body was that of the athletic teams for the year.

First came the annual cross country run, held at Oswego. Competing against all other schools in Oswego County, Mexico winning the silver cup for the second time. Our team was composed of Stone, Moore, Miller and Cross, and was the fastest team ever sent out by Mexico. Mexico secured second, third, fourth and ninth places. One of the sensations of the race was when Miller passed four men in the last fifty yards.

Boys' Basketball

Then came basketball. Frederick Stone was elected captain, Henry Ballard, manager. The team was composed of the following men: F. Miller, left forward; K. Peo, right forward; H. Ballard, center; F. Stone, left guard; H. Ludington and M. Giovo, right guards; J. Taylor, substitute forward; G. Whitney, substitute guard.

This team was the best in the history of the High School, defeating the strongest teams in Northern and Central New York. They secured the championship of Oswego County. A great deal was made possible by the excellent coaching of Messrs. Spaulding and Lay, of which too much cannot be said. The following games were played:

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| Mexico High School | | 30 | Oswego Y. M. C. A. | | 28 |
| Mexico High School | | 26 | Adams | | 27 |
| Mexico High School | | 32 | Syracuse Frat. Team | | 26 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 43 | Adams | ..... | 8 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 44 | Oswego | ..... | 21 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 28 | Oswego Normal | ..... | 26 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 13 | Cazenovia | ..... | 24 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 30 | Oswego | ..... | 24 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 28 | Oswego Normal | ..... | 26 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 25 | Seymours, Syracuse | ..... | 20 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 28 | Sandy Creek | ..... | 24 |
| Mexico High School | ..... | 54 | Sandy Creek | ..... | 14 |

Thus closed a long and victorious basketball season.

Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team met and elected Ruth Wilmarth captain. Miss Wilmarth felt her duty called her to works of mercy and she entered a Syracuse hospital, where she is now a student nurse. Elsie Miller was then elected captain and Doris Whitney, manager. After much practice and hard work, they formed a team that was not defeated during the entire season. The following members composed the team: Doris Smith, right forward; K. Turk and D. Harris, left forwards; Doris Whitney, center; D. Hall and M. Howard, left guards; Essie Miller, right guard; Geraldine Sharon, substitute. The girls played three games with Sandy Creek and three with Camden, winning all of them.

Baseball

Immediately after the closing of the basketball season, the Athletic Association met and elected T. Gale Whitney manager of the baseball team. Before the year's schedule could be arranged, a league was formed between Mexico, Pulaski, Sandy Creek, Adams and Belleville. It is called the Oswego-Jefferson County League. A large cup was purchased by the schools, the school first winning it three times to have permanent possession. When practice was called, fifty candidates reported and the team selected from them is now composed of the following: Mike Giovo, K. Peo, F. Miller, pitchers; Porlier, H. Ballard, catchers; Ludington, first base; Taylor, second base; Springer, shortstop; Capt. Miller, third base; F. Stone, right field; Whitney, center field; Runion, left field.

Up to date the games played resulted as follows:

May 4—Mexico, 12; Pulaski, 7.
May 7—Belleville, 2; Mexico, 10.
May 13—Mexico, 7; Phoenix, 2.
May 14—Adams, 9; Mexico, 5.
May 18—Pulaski, 4; Mexico, 13.
May 21—Mexico, 2; Sandy Creek, 4.
May 28—Belleville, 4; Mexico, 7.
June 8—Mexico, 14; Adams, 13.
June 10—Mexico, 17; Sandy Creek, 3.

Tennis Club

Early in the spring, several tennis enthusiasts met and formed a tennis club. Mike Giovo was elected president and Mary Taylor, treasurer. The club built a new tennis court on the campus and members of the Tennis Club are seen there at all hours of the day, attempting to hit a tennis ball into the net or across the road.

H. G. BALLARD.





DRAMATICS

The Pageant

It has been customary, during the past ten years, for the Senior Class of Mexieo High school to entertain the Silas Town Chapter of the D. A. R. with an evening's program. This year being the tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, the program took the form of a pageant, which was arranged by our American History teacher, Miss Clara E. Snell.

This pageant covered the time from the first meeting of the Pilgrims at Scrooby, England, through their sojourn in Holland, across the Atlantic, through their first winter, spring and summer in America, and into the autumn, when their first Thanksgiving was celebrated. It was carried out in the following order:

The Guiding Spirits: Patience, Love and Remember.

A Meeting at Scrooby, England—Appearance of the King's Agents.

Influence of Life in Holland.

Priscilla Mullens Spinning in the Sunshine.

John Robinson Would "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"—Mrs. Robinson Fears He Is Becoming Lax.

William Brewster, William Bradford and Ralph Wexton Reprimand Priscilla.

A Dream of the New World.

America and the Veiled Years.

A Dance of the Years.

Progress Ushers in Art, Science, Invention, Music, Literature, Education and Democracy, Protected by the Army and the Navy.

The Veil Lifted.

The Embarkation of the Mayflower—Robinson's Farewell Charge.

Cabin Scenes: Oceanus Hopkins.

John Carver Reads the Compact—The Signing.

The First Winter:

Caring for the Sick.

The Appearance of the Indians—

Samoset's Welcome.

Squanto, the Interpreter.

Massasoit Signs the Treaty.

The Warning of Canonicus.

An Indian War Dance.

The First Spring::

The Spirit of Love Does His Work—Priscilla, John Alden and Miles Standish.

The First Spring Flowers.

Corn Planting.

Autumn:

The Dance of the Corn.

Thanksgiving in the Plymouth Meeting House.

The Message of America and the Veiled Years.

We are glad to render any service to this Chapter, as they have always shown much interest in the American History class. This year they presented us with a purse of ten dollars, which has been used in the purchase of historical books for the school.

Prize Speaking

On Thursday evening, March 10, 1921, the thirty-fifth annual prize speaking contest was held in Washington Hall. The program was as follows:

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| Reading—"The Launching of the Ship" (Longfellow) | Kenneth Peo |
| Reading—"If I Were King" (McCarthy) | Mary Spoor |
| Declamation—"Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" (Patrick Henry) | Frederick Stone |
| Reading—"Jackie Play-alone" (Pertwee) | Madora B. Fish |
| Declamation—"The Home, the Nation's Safeguard" (Grady) | T. Gale Whitney |
| Reading—"Bud's Charge" (Adapted) | Maude Johnson |
| Declamation—"Our Heroes and Martyrs" (Adapted) | Charles Tourot |
| Reading—"The Queen of the Bees" (Selected) | Doris Whitney |
| Music by High School Orchestra | |

The judges were Miss Rigall, Pulaski High School; Miss Orton, Oswego Normal, and Mrs. Elmore, Syracuse. After congratulating the contestants on their success, Miss Rigall announced the awards as follows:

Gentlemen's Prizes: First, T. Gale Whitney; second, Frederick Stone.

Ladies': Doris Whitney and Madora Fish having an equal number of points, the prizes were divided equally between them.

Senior Play

On Thursday, May 12th, the Senior class presented a three-act comedy, "A Couple of Million." The way in which the audience responded was proof that the members of the cast were able actors.

The cast was as follows:

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| Bemis Bennington | Gale Whitney |
| Hon. Jeremy Wise | Frederick Stone |
| "Stubbie" Burns | Jay Borden |

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| Noah Jabb | Henry Ballard |
| Genevieve McGully | Doris Whitney |
| Clarice Courtney | Madora Fish |
| Fay Fairbanks | Judith Taylor |
| Beverly Loman | William Butman |
| Sheriff Piper | Merrill Mayne |
| Pink | Mary Howard |
| Sammie Belle Porter..... | Marjorie Ramsey |
| Villagers | Kenneth Peo, George Runion |

Lyceum Course

The Board of Education arranged with the Royal Lyceum Bureau of Syracuse to provide a course of entertainments for the school for the season of 1920-21. The entertainments were all of a high character, and thoroughly enjoyable. However, the student body should give the course better support next season.

The following companies entertained us: Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter, The Little Theater Party, The National Male Quartet.

The Orchestra

When school started in September the musical geniuses in the High School decided that it would be a good idea if we had an orchestra. The material was good, so an orchestra was started, consisting of the following:

Piano, Miss Garrett; first violins, Earl Everts and Fred Stone; first cornet, Gerald Ludington; second cornets, Gale Whitney and Fred Lindsley; trombine, Reed Spaulding; base, Clark Norton; altos, Mr. Hutt and Jay Borden; drums, Homer Ludington.

The orchestra developed greatly during the year and its success was due in a great measure to the excellent leadership of Mr. Smith. The orchestra played at different social affairs around the village and furnished the music for the Seniors at the Prize Speaking and at the play, for which we hereby extend our gratitude to them and Mr. Smith, their leader.

PERSONALS

Faculty

L. A. HUTT—

“A man whom the lust of office does not kill,
A man whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
A man who possesses opinions and a will,
A man who has honor; a man who will not lie.”

STEWART E. LAY—

“A heart to resolve,
A head to contrive,
And a hand to execute.”

REED SPAULDING—

“Strongly built and athletic.”

GERALD LUDINGTON—

“But we confess thy dealings to be such
As neither man nor muse can praise too much.”

CLARA E. SNELL—

“Earth's noblest thing, a woman perfected.”

MARY RADWAY—

“None knew thee but to love thee.”

DORIS GARRETT—

“Beautiful in form and feature,
Lovely as the day;
Can there be so fair a creature
Found in common clay?”

Class of 1921

GALE WHITNEY—

“I like my own may and find it so nice.”

KENNETH PEO—

“Variety is the spice of life, that's why I like a change once in
a while.”

JUDITH TAYLOR—

“A manly form at her side she saw,
And joy was duty and love was law.”

MADORA FISH—

“True worth is modest and retiring.”

HENRY BALLARD—

“How completely his passion hath blinded him.”

HAYDEN DELONG—

“A damsel hath ensnared him with a glance of her dark, roving
eyes.”

MARY SPOOR—

“Sober with work and silent with care.”

EVERETT HARRIS—

“A quiet, inoffensive one.”

CHARLES TOUROT—

“When a lady's in the case,

You know all other things give place.”

MARGARET COE—

“Full of angelic sweetness outside,

Filled with the dickens within;

Can't resist her winning ways,

Or forget her lovely grin.”

MERRILL MAYNE—

“Studious and unobtrusive.”

GEORGE RUNION—

“Not that I love books less, but gum more.”

MARY HOWARD—

“Let every man enjoy his whim,

What's he to me or I to him?”

WILLIAM BUTMAN—

“Who knows! Perhaps I am forsaken!”

DORIS WHITNEY—

“Naughty little maiden! Smiling at the boys!”

FREDERICK STONE—

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said:

‘Give me one moment more in bed.’ ”

JAY BORDEN—

“Famous for nothing years ago.”

MISCELLANEOUS

HOMER LUDINGTON—

“He sighs, adores and courts her every hour.”

HAROLD PORLIER—

“A little flunking now and then will happen to the best of men.”

MAUDE JOHNSON—

“Weary, weary of my weight,

Let me, let me drop my freight.”

MARJORIE RAMSEY—

“When a young heart of a maiden is stolen,

The maiden herself will steal after it soon.”

ELIZABETH BRANCHE—

“The fairest of the rural maids.”

CARMEN BUCK—

“A dear little girl.”

JOSEPH SPRINGER—

“Blessings on thee, little man.”

BEATRICE WILCOX—

“A sprightly maiden of Love’s court.”

JOSEPH TAYLOR—

“Tis true, he is not much inclined
To fondness for the female kind.”

TOBIAS COLLINS—

“I cannot love; I am too young; I pray you pardon me.”

STANLEY THOMAS—

“He has become a lady’s man with great violence.”

FREDERICK MILLER—

“He loves his eats, but O, You Basketball!”

MIKE GIOVO—

“All great men are dying, and I don’t feel very well.”

ALLEN PULSIFER—

“He was a scholar and a ripe and good one;
Exceeding wise, fair spoken and persuasive.”

MARY TAYLOR—

“A student of old books and days.”

PRESTON VORCE—

“Compare me with the great men of the earth.”

BARBARA TROWBRIDGE—

“Her modest answer and graceful air
Show her wise and good as she is fair.”

ETHELYN MILLER—

“When Joy and Duty clash,
Let Duty go to smash.”

MARJORIE THOMPSON—

“Merry, full of fun and wit,
She is embarrassed not a bit.”

BRIGHT SAYINGS HEARD IN M. H. S.

Mr. Whitney (translating French): "I will take you on my knees and, supporting you, will swim across the river."

Mr. Rider, in Civics (about choosing Grand Jury): "You put them in a hat and shake them all up."

Miss Snell: "All the men?"

Mrs. Hart, in Geometry: "If you will turn over, I will read it." (Mr. Whitney laughs.)

Mrs. Hart: "Mr. Whitney, if you were thinking about geometry, you wouldn't have noticed it."

Miss Radway: "Just because you are in biology laboratory, you needn't think you can chew gum any more than in the English room."

Mr. Stone. "We are just spearminting."

Henry Ballard, in American History (speaking of war with Tripoli): "Is that where they used the greased bullets?"

Mr. Ludington, in Geometry: "Mr. Porlier, you are a hypocrite to yourself in geometry."

Mr. Porlier: "What kind of an animal is that?"

Mr. Ludington: "Go look in a looking-glass and you will find out."

Miss Radway, English IV: "What is an artistic novel?"

Mr. Whitney: "Sink or swim."

Mr. Ludington, in Geometry: "No one has an eye perfect enough to tell whether an angle is a right angle or not, without measuring it."

Miss Coe: "I have got one."

Mr. Ludington: "What have you got?"

Miss Tressa Wilcox, reading Latin: "Cæsar led out his cavalry on foot."

Miss Snell, in Civics: "What is boycott, Miss Hutchinson?"

Miss H.: "I don't know."

Miss Snell: "So you don't know anything about the boys."

Miss Radway, in Chapel: "Mr. Whitney, you and Miss Howard are supposed to be using the French dictionary together, not having a conversation."

Miss Howard (translating French): "He rested his liver on one of the ridges."

Frank Hotchkiss: "I am going to walk behind so I won't walk on my feet."

SONGS HEARD IN THE HALLS OF M. H. S.

Solo—"Margie."—H. L.
Duet—"Let the Rest of the World Go By."—J. T. and H. B.
Solo—"Here Comes the Bride."—Miss R.
Solo—"Dear Little Boy of Mine."—B. W.
Solo—"I'm Forever Thinking of You."—M. R.
Solo—"Mary."—A. P.
Solo—"I'm Just an Old Jay from the U. S. A."—J. B.

A TRIP

One day we Rose early and started for an outing. Taking the Mayne street, we passed a peculiar-looking Hutt without a Garrett. Behind this were some Barn(e)s. In the hallway a Taylor sat. We left him singing a Balla(r)d with all his H(e)art. Arrived at the Lake (Lape) all C. O. D. (Coe) after bumping over many Stone(s) and breaking many Branches. All were very much harrassed (Harris) by a Miller chasing a Buck.

For dinner we enjoyed a suspicious-looking Fish caught by a Long (DeLong) Reed. They were very poor (Spoor). After many efforts (Evarts) we cranked (Cronk) up our Maxwell (Maxim) and started homeward. Turkies (Turk) were in the road and we met with an accident. All were safely removed to Whitney's Undertaking Rooms.

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